

Treasury Department,

BUREAU OF THE MINT,

Washington, D. C., October 2, 1890, 189 .

The Superintendent, U. S. Mint,

Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

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I find that the coinage of 5 cent pieces has amounted for the last three months to \$107,510 and that the stock on hand July 1st. was \$257,060, making a total stock of \$364,570, and that the amount on hand now is \$105,190 showing that there have been distributed since July 1st \$259,380 in 5 cent nickel pieces.

In regard to one-cent bronze pieces the coinage for the last three months has amounted to \$64,502 and the stock July 1st was \$66,060 a total of \$130,562 all of which has been distributed except \$105, and there are now orders amounting to \$12,365.

If the distribution of 5 cent pieces has amounted to, approximately, \$250,000 in the last three months it is safe to say that it will amount to much more than that during the succeeding three months - I should say double that amount.

The same is true in regard to one-cent bronze pieces.

You will see the necessity of providing a stock of these coins at once and I will thank you to take the matter in hand and provide a large stock preparatory to the usual Fall demand.

Very respectfully,

A. D. Leach
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